

DIVISION XVII – CATS

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Open to enrolled 4-H Cat Project Members only

SPECIAL DEPARTMENT RULES

1. Exhibitor must confine their cats to the exhibit area, show ring and designated grooming area. Members must handle their own cats. This includes bringing the cat up for competition. If the member is not there to put their cat up for judging, the cat will not be judged.
2. Cats must be at least 4 months old to enter. Cats are considered kittens up to 8 months old. Senior cats are at least 10 years old.
3. Barn will be open at 8:00 a.m.. Cages and cats must be ready for display by 9:00 a.m.. Cats will remain in their cage until 10:00 p.m.. Cats may go home each night or stay in their cage in the cat barn overnight.
4. The member will do all the grooming or preparation and exhibiting only. If not, premium points may be withheld at the Superintendent's discretion. Parents are restricted from grooming and handling unless an unsafe situation arises.
5. Exhibitors must provide their own litter tray, food and water dishes. Water dishes must be at least half-full with clean water at all times. Food is not required to be in the dish at all times.
6. All cages will be decorated according to the theme selected by the Cat Leaders Council only. The floor, back, top and sides must be covered. Do not use materials that are dangerous or may be destroyed by your cat.
7. Exhibitors may show more than one cat in type class if space allows. Superintendent must approve a second cat. Both cats may stay in the same cage if they are accustomed to each other.
8. All cats must be vet checked Tuesday evening. No pregnant or nursing cats allowed.
9. Proof of current rabies and 4-in-1 shots are required. **NO EXCEPTIONS!** It is strongly recommended that all cats be dewormed three weeks prior to Fair.
10. A completed record book is required. All exhibitors must have a Cat Record in their record book. Exhibitors are not required to enter their record book at Fair but the club leaders must check each exhibitor's record book for completeness by the time record books are due to be entered in Fair.
11. Exhibitors are limited to any four lots for the payment of premium monies. Superintendent will indicate which lots to be paid premiums. Exhibitors may enter all lots if desired.
12. Cats showing agitated behavior may be removed from its cage for a short period of time with permission of Superintendent or Assistant Superintendent. Any cat sent home for over aggressive behavior or any health problems stays home for the entire Fair.
13. No tranquilizers or stimulants will be allowed unless approved by the Fair vet.
14. Equipment must include an approved cat harness on the cat at all times and have leather or nylon approved leash attached whenever the cat is out of its cage. Exhibitors must provide their own grooming tools.
15. All exhibitors must enter a cat educational poster.
16. All exhibitors must have done a public presentation or illustrated talk prior to July 15.
17. All exhibitors must attend at least one work party at the cat barn.
18. Exhibitors are limited to entering one cage, one toy, one costume and one photo collage.
19. All exhibitors will do Herdsmanship.
20. Herdsmanship rules are as follows:
 - a. Herdsmanship starts at 9:00 a.m..
 - b. 4-H Cat members only are to clean and handle cats and cages
 - c. Herdsman must disinfect their hands before touching any cat
 - d. Water dishes must be half-full
 - e. Food is not required to be in dishes at all times
 - f. No eating in the cat area
 - g. No sitting in front of cages or blocking aisles
 - h. All grooming to be done in grooming areas only
 - i. **DO NOT leave cage doors open. Cage doors MUST be secured with 2 metal snaps. NO LOCKS**
 - j. Never take cats out of cages without putting on a leash
 - k. Litter trays must be clean at all times. Cages must be free of litter material
 - l. When on Herdsmanship, your cat must stay in the cage at all times

